

REMARKS

I. Status of the Claims

All claims are allowed and the indication of allowance is appreciated. No amendments to the claims are included herewith.

II. Entry of the Amendments to the Specification

The amendments to the specification correct informalities in the text and support for the changes is clear in the application as filed. The amendments do not in any way constitute new matter.

Entry of the amendments to the specification is proper under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312 as the amendments are submitted with the payment of the issue fee and embody merely the correction of formal matters in the specification. MPEP 714.16 (MPEP at page 700-211, column 2).

The amendments are needed to ensure accuracy of the disclosure and do not require additional search or examination. MPEP 714.16 (MPEP at page 700-212, column 1). Therefore, although the amendments are needed for proper disclosure, entry of the amendments is proper as it does not require a substantial amount of additional work on the part of the Office. MPEP 714.16 (MPEP at page 700-211, column 2). The amendments could not have been presented earlier, e.g., in response to an Official Action, as the application progressed to allowance without an Official Action. It will also be noted that the Applicant was previously acting *pro se*.

III. Conclusion

The amendments are proper, correct merely formal matters in the specification and should be entered under 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. The application is ready for issue. Should the Office have any questions or comments, a telephone call to the undersigned Applicant's representative is earnestly solicited.

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